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SOLID-STATE IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS WITH HIGH-SPEED

PHOTOMETRY AND A SIGNAL READING METHOD THEREFOR

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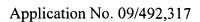
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Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

| Application No. | Filing Date      | Group |
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| 09/492,146      | January 27, 2000 |       |
| 09/434,465      | November 5, 1999 | 2711  |
| 09/203,363      | December 2, 1998 | 2712  |
| 09/492,093      | January 27, 2000 |       |

The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

The above-listed co-pending application(s) is(are) not to be construed as prior art. By bringing the above-listed application(s) to the attention of the Examiner, Applicant(s) do(does) NOT waive any confidentiality concerning the above-listed co-pending application(s) or this application.



See MPEP § 101. Furthermore, if said application(s) should not mature into patents, such application(s) should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.14.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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